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Applicants have become aware of the following documents, cited in the European Search Report issued October 18, 2003, during the prosecution of International Application No. PCT/CH02/00065, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submit these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form, and a copy of the International Search Report and each document cited thereon are enclosed as well.

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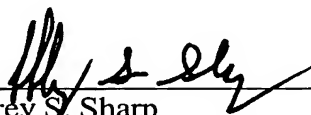
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